

A Word to Invasion-Bereaved Mothers

Cubans Get Kennedy Hope Message

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PALM BEACH, Fla., May 14. — President Kennedy today pledged continued American moral support for the Cuban people in their fight for freedom.

In a message to Cuban mothers whose sons were killed or captured in last month's invasion of their homeland, the President promised that "the American people will never forget the people of Cuba."

The President's message, transmitted to Cuban exiles in Miami, added that the American people "will always associate themselves" with Cuba's struggle for freedom. And he predicted that freedom would eventually overcome "tyranny" on that Caribbean Isle. The message did not mention Cuban Fidel Castro by name but the President's target was clear.

The Chief Executive sent his message of hope—it came on Mother's Day—after the Cuban

exiles had called off plans for a 500-car motorcade from Miami to Palm Beach, where Mr. Kennedy is vacationing. The Cubans had asked for a meeting with the President.

Instead, Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger, Brig. Gen. Chester V. Clifton, the President's military aide and Cmdr Tazwell T. Shepard Jr., the President's Naval aide, agreed to meet with a small delegation of exiles here today, at Palm Beach City Hall.

The President's message, made public here and sent to

Miami to be read at a rally of Cuban mothers there, said:

"To you who have gathered today in Miami, I send greetings. You have personally encountered the sorrow and pain which accompany the fight for freedom.

"The mothers and fathers who in every generation have seen their sons fight for freedom have understood and lived through this grief.

"But today I send you a message of hope. The American people will never forget

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